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| Disposition of Claims | | | | | |
| 4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1 and 2</u> is/are pending in the application. | | | | | |
| 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) Claim(s) 1-2 are subject to restriction and/or elected. | vn from consideration. | - | | | |
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| 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152. | | | | | |
| Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. | | | | | |
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| Attachment(s) 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date | 4) Interview Summary Paper No(s)/Mail D 5) Notice of Informal I 6) Other: | ate | | | |

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. The compounds and compositions according to claim of formula I, wherein A^1 is N, A^2 is N and D is N. These are classifiable in class 548, subclass 416.
- II. The compounds and compositions according to claim of formula I, wherein A^1 is N, A^2 is C and D is N. These are classifiable in class 548, subclass 452.
- III. The compounds and compositions according to claim of formula I, wherein A^1 is N, A^2 is C and D is C. These are classifiable in class 548, subclass 125+.
- IV. The compounds and compositions according to claim of formula I, wherein A¹ is C, A² is N and D is N. These are classifiable in class 548, subclass 407.
- V. The compounds and compositions according to claim of formula I, wherein A¹ is C, A² is C and D is N. These are classifiable in class 548, subclass 453.
- VI. The compounds and compositions according to claim of formula I, wherein A¹ is C, A² is C and D is C. These are classifiable in class 548, subclass 400+.

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The inventions of Groups I-VI are separate and patentably distinct because there is no patentable co-action among them and a reference anticipating or rendering obvious one member will not anticipate or render another obvious.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter and different classification, a search of the six groups designated above would impose an undue burden upon the examiner, and restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant's election should also include <u>a specifically disclosed species</u> for search purposes.

A telephone call was made to Phillip Datlow on March 6, 2007 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PAUL V WARD whose telephone number is 571-272-2909. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8 am to 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on 571-272-0642. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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